

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2004. For the following reasons this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. In view of the instant disclosure (pages 4-6 and Figures 1-6), it would be clear to one of ordinary skill in this art that one or more first regions and one or more second regions are disclosed. The amendment to the claims does not narrow the scope of the claims, rather it clarifies the claims. It is clear to one of ordinary skill in this art that “the first region” and “the second region” includes one or more first regions and one or more second regions, respectively.

Claims 10-20 are pending in this application. Claims 10-20 are rejected. Claims 1-9 have been canceled.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that it is not clear whether “the first region” is referred to in the singular or plural. This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that the scope of the claims as originally filed would be readily ascertained by one of ordinary skill in this art. However, in order to further advance prosecution in this application, claims 10-13 and 16 have been amended to correct the informalities asserted by the Examiner.

It is clear to one of ordinary skill in this art, in view of the instant disclosure (pages 4-6 and Figures 1-6) that “the first region” and “the second region” includes one or more first regions and

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one or more second regions, respectively. In addition, the claims have been amended to maintain consistency throughout the claims. Applicant submits that claims 10-20 fully comport with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks, this application should be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding these remarks or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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